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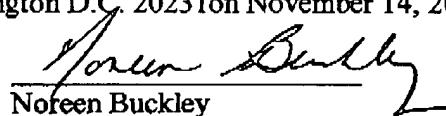
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TITLE: PERFLUORINATED THERMOPLASTIC FILTER CARTRIDGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (amended) The cartridge of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the perfluorinated thermoplastic resin is poly (TFE-co-PFAVE).

6. (amended) The cartridge of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the perfluorinated thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of poly (tetrafluoroethylene-co-perfluoro (alkylvinylether)), poly (tetrafluoroethylene-co-hexafluoropropylene) and blends thereof.

7. (amended) The cartridge of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the perfluorinated thermoplastic polymer is poly (tetrafluororethylene)-co- perfluoro (alkylvinylether)) and the alkyl is selected from the group consisting of propyl, methyl and blends of propyl and methyl.

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9. (Amended) The cartridge of claims 1,2, 3 or 4 further comprising one or more end caps for the housing wherein the end caps are formed of perfluorinated thermoplastic resin.

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